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## TOWN OFFICERS, 1898.

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SELECTMEN,

CHARLES L. SEAVEY, HENRY M. CURRIER,  
FOREST E. KELLEY.

TOWN CLERK,

DANIEL P. ATWOOD.

TOWN TREASURER,

ENOCH M. MARSH.

FISH AND GAME WARDENS,

GEORGE S. BUTLER, WILLIAM I. SHERMAN,  
HENRY S. RUSS, BURT G. WEBSTER,  
HENRY LEWIS, FRANK WILKINS,  
ALBION C. CHASE.

AUDITORS,

WILLIAM G. BUTLER, CHARLES W. HOBBS,  
DANIEL M. WEBSTER.

CONSTABLES,

GEORGE S. BUTLER, FRANK M. WOODBURY,  
WILLIS H. ATWOOD, DANIEL M. WEBSTER.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER,

G. S. BUTLER, W. G. BUTLER,  
C. L. SEAVEY, C. W. HOBBS,  
F. H. HILLMAN, J. N. WOODMAN,  
GEO. P. WOOD, ORLANDO WILSON,  
J. N. COLMAN, THOMAS LEWIS,  
C. H. COLMAN, BURT G. WEBSTER,  
O. W. SPAULDING.

FENCE VIEWERS,

D. N. ATWOOD, C. L. SEAVEY,  
GEO. P. WOOD.

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY,  
 SHERMAN HOBBS, FRANK M. WOODBURY,  
 GEO. S. BUTLER.

## CEMETERY TRUSTEES.

E. M. MARSH, D. M. WEBSTER,  
 GEO. H. CURRIER, G. S. BUTLER,  
 F. A. CUTLER, C. W. HOBBS.

SUPERVISERS OF CHECK LISTS,  
 FRANK M. WOODBURY, ISAAC C. MARSHALL,  
 EZEKIEL C. GAGE.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS,  
 O. W. SPAULDING, W. H. PEABODY.

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## SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS.

SCHOOL BOARD.  
 GEORGE S. BUTLER, GAGE A. FOX,  
 AUGUSTUS BERRY.

CLERK,  
 DANIEL P. ATWOOD.

TREASURER,  
 GEORGE S. BUTLER.

AUDITORS,  
 GEORGE H. CURRIER, CHARLES W. HOBBS.

MODERATOR,  
 CHARLES W. HOBBS.

## TOWN WARRANT.

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{ L. S. }

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Pelham in the County of Hillsboro in said State Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs.*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Pelham on Tuesday, the Fourteenth day of March next, at one of the clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects :

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.
3. To see what disposition the Town will make of the literary fund for the year ensuing.
4. To see what disposition the Town will make of the dog fund for the year ensuing.
5. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise for school purposes for the year ensuing.
6. To choose one person for Trustee of Public Library of said Town for three years.
7. To choose two persons for Trustees of Cemeteries of said Town for three years.
8. To see how much money, if any, the Town will vote to raise for the Public Library, in addition to the amount required by law for the year ensuing.

9. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise for cemeteries for the year ensuing.
10. To see if the Town will vote to borrow of the Central Savings Bank of Lowell, Mass., the sum of thirty one hundred dollars for the term of ten years, the town reserving the right to pay any part or the whole of said sum, before the expiration of ten years, as the town may by its vote annually determine, at an annual interest of four per cent. payable semi-annually. This loan is made for the purpose of taking up a loan of the same amount at said bank now due from the town.
11. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise to pay on town debt for the year ensuing.
12. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise for the repair of Highways for the year ensuing.
13. To see if the Town will vote to buy one or more snow rollers for breaking roads. And if voted in the affirmative to choose a Committee to carry the same into effect.
14. To see if the Town will vote to observe Memorial day and raise money therefor.
15. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount of two per cent. on taxes on 1899 list that are paid before Sept. 1st., 1899.
16. To see if the Town will vote to make any changes in their Cemetery By-Laws.
17. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal the Twenty-fourth day of February in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

CHARLES L. SEAVEY,  
HENRY M. CURRIER,

*Selectmen of Pelham.*

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

## INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM, TAKEN APRIL 1st, 1898.

Real estate, resident valuation.....	\$282,354 00
Non-resident.....	98,960 00
Number of polls, 220.....	22,000 00
horses, 323.....	13,235 00
cows, 925.....	22,835 00
neat stock, 75.....	1,300 00
sheep, 6.....	24 00
hogs, 6.....	40 00
fowls, 1,124.....	562 00
carriages, 14.....	805 00
Amount of bank stock.....	3,000 00
money at interest.....	21,700 00
stock in trade.....	5,982 00
Mills and machinery.....	7,700 00
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	\$480,497 00

Tons of fertilizer used, 22.

Number of gallons of milk raised, 519,980.

    pounds of butter made, 11,070.

## TAXES ASSESSED IN 1898.

State tax.....	\$845 75
For town charges.....	154 25
County tax.....	1,100 45
School money required by law.....	995 00
voted by town.....	400 00
supplies and text books.....	100 00
For public library.....	100 00
To pay town debt.....	300 00
Interest on town debt.....	171 00
For Memorial Day.....	25 00
For highways.....	1,500 00
Overlay.....	159 51
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	\$5,850 96

**TAXES COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR.**

Resident tax.....	\$4,649 92
Non-resident tax.....	1,207 45
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	\$5,857 37

Rate of taxation for 1898, \$12.20 on \$1,000.

**PAY OF TOWN OFFICERS.****SCHOOL BOARD.**

Paid Augustus Berry for year ending March, 1898.....	\$40 00
George S. Butler for member of school board and school district treasurer for year ending March 1898 .....	25 00
Daniel M. Webster for year ending March, 1898..	20 00
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	85 00

**TOWN TREASURER.**

Paid Enoch M. Marsh for year ending March, 1898.....	\$40 00
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**SELECTMEN.**

Paid Charles L. Seavey for year ending March, 1898....	\$75 00
Richard B. Stillman for year ending March, 1898..	40 00
Samuel Kelly for year ending March, 1898.....	33 00
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	148 00

**TOWN CLERK.**

Paid Daniel P. Atwood for year ending March, 1898 ..	\$40 00
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**TAX COLLECTOR.**

Paid George S. Butler for year ending March, 1898.....	\$90 00
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**MODERATOR.**

Paid George S. Butler for year ending November, 1898.	\$5 00
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## SEXTON.

Paid Kimball J. Chaplin for 13 burials for the year ending February 15, 1899.....	\$45 50
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## SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLISTS.

Paid D. M. Webster from Nov. 1896 to Nov. 1898.....	\$15 00
Gage A. Fox from Nov. 1896 to Nov. 1898.....	15 00
Gage A. Fox from Nov. 1896 to Nov. 1898.....	15 00
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	45 00

## BALLOT CLERKS.

Paid Daniel N. Atwood for November election, 1898....	\$3 00
Charles W. Hobbs for November election, 1898....	3 00
Frank M. Woodbury for November election, 1898.	2 00

## CEMETERIES.

Paid George H. Currier, treasurer of Cemetery trustees, the amount raised for Cemeteries and unexpended Feb. 15, 1898, in accordance of a vote of the town March 8, 1898.....	\$127 08
G. H. Currier, treasurer of trustees, interest on the several notes of trust funds :	
Sarah Barker Fund so called of \$100, from Feb. 15, 1898, to Feb. 15, 1899.....	4 00
Skinner Fund so called of \$50, from Feb. 15, 1898, to Feb. 15, 1899.....	2 00
John Carr Fund so called of \$50, from time received till Feb. 15, 1899.....	1 25
Gorrell Fund so called of \$50, drawn from Nashua Savings Bank, July 11, 1898, to Feb. 15, 1899.	1 17
Daniel Gage Fund of \$25, drawn from Nashua Bank, July 11, 1898, to Feb. 15, 1899.....	58
C. L. Seavey Fund of \$100, from Aug. 30, 1898, to Feb. 15, 1899.....	1 83
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	137 91

For further particulars see Report of Cemetery Trustees.

**MEMORIAL DAY.**

Amount of appropriation unexpended Feb. 15, 1898.....	\$15 38
appropriated for 1898.....	25 00
	40 38

**MEMORIAL DAY EXPENSE 1898.**

Paid Committee expense of team from Nashua for Charles J. Hamblett.....	\$5 50
Kimball J. Chaplin for painting stands on soldiers' graves .....	3 00
K. J. Chaplin for flags for soldiers' graves.....	2 00
Harry H. Atwood for opening and sweeping church Memorial day.....	1 00
	11 50
Leaving balance Memorial Day appropriation Feb. 15, 1899.....	28 88

**STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.**

Paid state treasurer.....	\$845 75
County treasurer.....	1100 45
	1946 20

**ABATEMENT OF TAXES, 1897 LIST.**

Non-resident, Fox Brothers.....	\$1 23
Gage & Peabody.....	2 46
Resident, Alexander, William.....	1 23
Banester, George.....	1 23
Cluff, John .....	1 23
Currier, Charles.....	1 23
Cutter, Arthur.....	1 23
Colman, John N .....	12 45
Colman, Charles H.....	12 45
Currier, Jesse M.....	1 23
Donohoe, Mat.....	1 23
Durant, George O.....	1 23
Emerson, Arthur.....	72
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<i>\$39 15</i>

<i>Amount brought forward.....</i>	\$39 15
Resident, Goodwin, Alpheus A.....	1 23
Gendreau, Henry.....	1 23
Hoyt, Wm. C.....	1 72
Herbert, King.....	2 88
Herbert, Almon.....	1 60
Kent, Charles G.....	1 23
Laflam, Lewis.....	1 23
Lapoint, Ludger.....	1 23
Newell, Abram.....	1 23
Peavey, Lester C.....	1 23
Perkins, V. C.....	1 23
True, Frank.....	1 23
Waymouth, Fred.....	1 23
White, Thomas.....	1 72
White, Sewell T.....	2 21
Searles, Jonathan.....	2 91
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	\$64 49

**ABATEMENT OF 1898 LIST.**

Paid George H. Currier, collector of taxes for 1898, the following abatements :

Foss, Tobias, heirs.....	\$7 32
Runnels, Moses, heirs.....	1 71
J. A. Hall.....	5 49
Gage, Daniel.....	10 03
Foss, Frank.....	1 22
Disconnt on taxes paid before Aug. 1, 1898.....	44 03
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	\$69 80

**SCHOOL MONEY.**

Paid balance of appropriation of 1897 in treasury Feb.	
15, 1898.....	\$588 65
Literary fund of 1896.....	84 94
Dog fund of 1897.....	158 35
Amount required by law.....	995 00
Amount voted by town.....	400 00
Amount voted for supplies and text books.....	100 00
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	\$2326 94

Paid G. S. Butler, treasurer of school district, balance of appropriation of 1897 in town treasury Feb. 15, 1898.....	\$588 65
Literary fund of 1897.....	84 94
Part of appropriation for 1898.....	1025 00
Dog fund of 1897.....	158 35
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	1856 94
Leaving amount of school money in town treasury Feb. 15, 1899.....	\$470 00

**PUBLIC LIBRARY.**

Paid Frank M. Woodbury, treasurer of Public Library appropriation, voted by town for 1898.....	\$100 00
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**EXPENSE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.**

Paid Charles M. Kent, for care of Public Library, 5½ months,.....	\$24 00
Charles W. Hobbs, for care of Public Library, 6½ months, to Feb. 15, 1899.....	28 00
Charles M. Kent, for heating water to clean library floors.....	1 00
Charles M. Kent, for chopping block for public library building.....	75
Mrs. Fergus Banester, for washing floors for public library building.....	2 00
Orton Moore, for 4 feet pine wood for library...	1 50
G. S. Butler, for insuring library building from Oct. 1, 1898, to Oct. 1, 1899,..	35 00
Wm. Livingston, for 4480 lbs. coal for library building.....	11 00
G. S. Butler, for teaming 4480 lbs. coal from Lowell .....	2 50
F. M. Woodbury, for oil and chimneys.....	4 21
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	\$109 96

**TRAMPS.**

Paid Charles L. Seavey, for keeping 3 tramps.....	\$2 75
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**TOWN NOTES.**

Paid Central Savings Bank, interest on town debt to Feb. 20, 1899.....	\$160 84
C. W. Hobbs, interest on \$300 note, from Feb. 15, 1898, to Feb. 15, 1899.....	15 00
Central Bank, amount voted to pay on town debt	300 00
Central Bank, temporary loan and interest .....	504 23
C. L. Seavy, guardian of T. O. Richardson, inter- est on temporary loan, \$250, from July 14, 1898, to Feb. 15, 1899, at 4 per cent.....	5 83
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	\$985 90

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

Paid Morning Mail Co., for printing 350 Town Reports	\$40 75
David W. Kent, for gravel bank.....	100 00
Wesley Sawyer, for returning births, deaths and marriages, in 1896 and 1897.....	3 75
Morning Mail Co., for printing tax bills.....	4 00
P. J. Cogger, for public watering place.....	3 00
W. W. Butler, for public watering place.....	3 00
John J. Cluin, for police badge.....	1 25
E. C. Eastman, for tax collector's book.....	1 50
C. W. Hobbs, for surveying gravel bank and making plan.....	2 50
D. P. Atwood, recording births, deaths and mar- riages.....	5 55
D. P. Atwood, for stationery and postage.....	75
Edson C. Eastman, for town warrants and postage	38
John N. Colman & Son, for one shaft broken by defective highway.....	1 25
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	\$167 68

**DEPENDENT SOLDIERS AND FAMILIES SUPPORTED  
BY COUNTY.**

Paid James A. Foster, for goods furnished Mark W. Simpson, from Jan. 1, 1898, to Feb. 1, 1899	73 53
Charles W. Hobbs, for rent of Berlinda Stratton place, from Aug. 1, 1897 to Feb. 1, 1899... .	54 00
D. O. Smith, for medical attendance.....	7 00
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	\$134 53

## ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT.

MAY 1898.

Paid W. H. Peabody, labor	11 days, 8 hours..	\$23 60
man labor	12 " 5 " ..	18 75
team labor	12 " 5 " ..	25 00
team labor, R. M.	1 " ..	2 50
Otis Gage, labor	4 " ..	. 60
J. Richardson, man labor	3 " ..	4 50
team labor	1 " 5 " ..	3 00
A. R. Hobbs & Son, man labor	5 " ..	7 50
team labor	4 " ..	8 00
team labor, R. M.	1 " ..	2 50
F. M. Carleton, man labor	2 " 5 " ..	3 75
team labor	2 " 5 " ..	5 00
Geo. J. Carleton, man labor	6 " ..	9 00
Geo. H. Currier, man labor	2 " ..	3 00
team labor	2 " ..	4 00
Clough Bros., man labor	4 " ..	6 00
team labor	2 " ..	4 00
Chas. Scott, man labor	2 " ..	3 00
W. J. Livingstone, man labor	5 " ..	7 50
Orlando Wilson, man labor	1 " 6 " ..	2 40
team labor	8 " ..	1 60
Henry Lewis, man labor	2 " ..	3 00
Harper Giles, man labor	2 " ..	3 00
D. M. Gould, gravel	30 loads ..	1 50
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		\$152 70

JUNE, 1898.

Paid W. H. Peabody, labor	9 days.....	\$18 00
man labor	11 ".....	16 50
team labor	6 ".....	12 00
team labor, R. M.	3 ".....	7 50
F. M. Carleton, man labor	2 ".....	3 00
H. B. Giles, man labor	2 ".....	3 00
W. J. Livingstone, man labor	5 ".....	7 50
D. M. Webster, man labor	1 ".....	1 50
team labor	1 ".....	2 00
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<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>		\$71 00

<i>Amount brought forward.</i>		\$71 00
Paid Geo. Smith, man labor	5 days.....	7 50
Chas. Coburn, man labor	6 ".....	9 00
team labor	6 ".....	12 00
Geo. Carleton, man labor	3 ".....	4 50
Jason Worcester, man labor	1 ".....	1 50
team labor	1 ".....	2 00
E. C. Gage, man labor	1 ".....	1 50
team labor	1 ".....	2 00
A. R. Hobbs & Son, man labor	1 ".....	1 50
team labor, R. M.	1 ".....	2 50
Geo. Jackson, gravel	29 loads.....	1 45
— Gendreau, gravel	38 loads.....	1 90
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		\$118 35

JULY, 1898.

Paid W. H. Peabody, labor	2 days, 5 hours..	5 00
man labor	3 ".....	4 50
team labor	2 ".....	4 00
W. J. Livingstone, labor	1 ".....	1 50
J. Greenwood, labor	1 ".....	1 50
— Gendreau, gravel	27 loads.....	1 35
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		17 85

AUGUST, 1898.

Paid W. H. Peabody, labor	8 days.....	\$16 00
man labor	11 " .....	16 50
team labor	4 " .....	8 00
team labor, R. M.	3 " .....	7 50
J. Greenwood, labor	12 " .....	18 00
G. H. Currier, labor	1 " .....	1 50
James Hobbs, labor	6 " .....	9 00
Clarence Wyman, labor	1 " .....	1 50
D. M. Webster, labor	1 " 5 hours..	2 25
team labor	1 " .....	2 00
Charles Coburn, labor	1 " .....	1 50
team labor	1 " .....	2 00
Geo. Smith, labor	1 " .....	1 50
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		\$87 25

## SEPTEMBER 1 TO DECEMBER 1.

Paid W. H. Peabody, labor	20 days, 4 hours..	\$40 80
man labor	34 " 1 " ..	51 15
team labor, R. M.	3 " 5 " ..	8 75
team labor	18 " 3 " ..	36 60
Chas. Coburn, man labor	1 " 8 " ..	2 70
team labor	1 " 4 " ..	2 80
A. R. Hobbs & Son, man labor	3 " 5 " ..	5 25
team labor, R. M.	5 " ..	1 25
team labor	2 " 5 " ..	5 00
W. J. Livingstone, man labor	10 " 4 " ..	15 60
J. Greenwood, man labor	19 " ..	28 50
F. M. Carleton, man labor	1 " ..	1 50
F. L. Peabody, man labor	3 " 8 " ..	5 70
team labor	2 " 3½ " ..	4 70
W. F. Richardson, man labor	2 " 3 " ..	3 45
team labor	2 " 3 " ..	4 60
Clough Bros., man labor	3 " 6 " ..	5 40
team labor	1 " 8 " ..	3 60
James Hobbs, man labor	9 " ..	1 35
team labor	9 " ..	1 80
Geo. Kent, man labor	1 " 8 " ..	2 70
Chas. Kent, man labor	5 " ..	75
Harris Bros., man labor	9 " ..	1 35
O. Reissman, man labor	2 " ..	3 00
Frank Cogger, man labor	9 " ..	1 35
Henry Richardson, man labor	1 " 8 " ..	2 70
W. F. Richardson, 20 loads gravel.....		1 00
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		\$243 35

## SNOW BILLS FOR WINTER 1898-1899.

Paid W. H. Peabody, labor	4 days, 6 hours..	9 20
man labor	3 " 1 " ..	4 65
team labor	3 " 7 " ..	7 40
G. H. Currier, man labor	1 " 7 " ..	2 55
G. P. Wood, man labor	1 " ..	1 50
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Amount carried forward.....		\$25 30

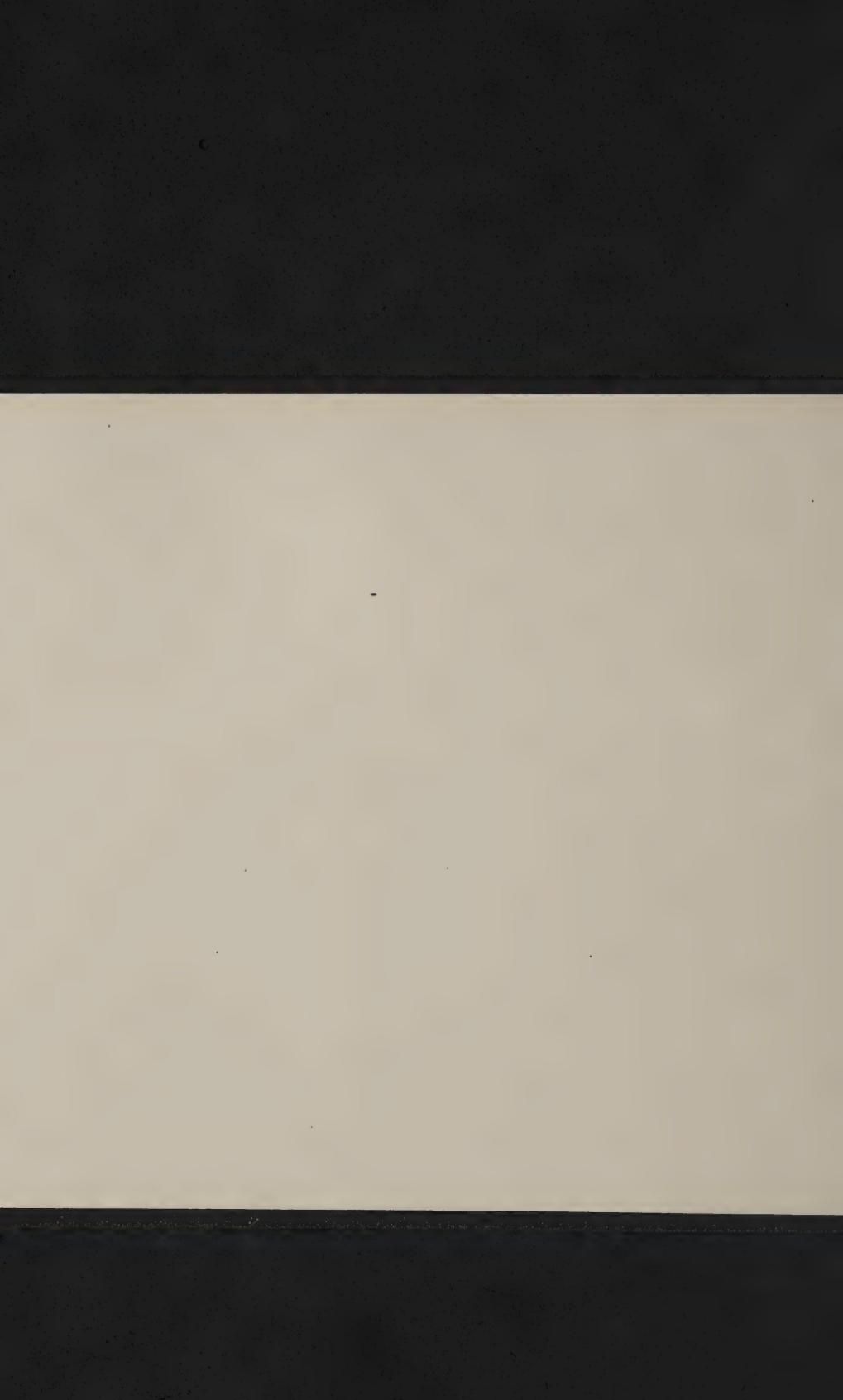
<i>Amount brought forward.....</i>		\$25 30
Paid Clough Bros., man labor	3 days, 9 hours..	5 85
team labor	1 " 1 " ..	2 20
J. A. Hobbs, man labor	13 " 2 " ..	19 80
team labor	2 " 5½ " ..	5 10
Geo. Kent, man labor	3 "	4 50
Sherman Hobbs, man labor	3 " 7 " ..	5 55
team labor	4½ " ..	90
A. K. Tallent, man labor	6 " 5 " ..	9 75
N. Randlett, man labor	3 " ½ " ..	4 58
team labor	3 " ½ " ..	70
W. F. Richardson, man labor	3 " 9 " ..	5 85
team labor	3 " ..	60
Albert J. Richardson, man labor	2 " 2 " ..	3 30
John Wilson, man labor	3 " 2 " ..	4 80
J. Greenwood, man labor	2 " 9 " ..	4 35
team labor	9 " ..	90
P. J. Cogger, man labor	1 " ..	1 50
D. M. Webster, man labor	5 " 2 " ..	7 80
team labor	8 " ..	1 60
N. Reagun, man labor	7½ " ..	1 13
— Gendreau, man labor	3 " ..	4 50
E. C. Gage, man labor	4 " 9 " ..	7 35
team labor	1 " 8½ " ..	3 70
H. O'Leary, man labor	3 " ..	4 50
Joseph Richardson, man labor	4 " 6½ " ..	6 98
team labor	2 " 1½ " ..	4 36
A. R. Hobbs & Son, man labor	11 " 3 " ..	16 95
team labor	7 " 3 " ..	14 60
F. L. Peabody, man labor	2 " 4 " ..	3 60
team labor	5 " ..	1 00
S. A. Richardson, man labor	5 " 8 " ..	8 70
team labor	2 " ..	4 00
Charles Scott, man labor	1 " 1 " ..	1 65
W. J. Livingstone, man labor	9 " ..	1 35
J. R. Worcester, man labor	1 " 4 " ..	2 10
team labor	1 " ..	2 00
Charles W. Colburn, man labor	14 " 7 " ..	22 05
team labor	4 " 4 " ..	8 80
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>		\$234 19

<i>Amount brought forward.....</i>		\$234 19
Paid Fred McCrady, man labor	4 days, 2 hours..	6 30
team labor	4 " ..	40
Henry Lewis, man labor	2 " 2½ "	3 38
Frank Wilkins, man labor	8 " ..	1 20
Orlando Wilson, man labor	1 " 6 "	2 40
James O'Brien, man labor	2 " 8 "	4 20
team labor	1 " ..	10
Walter Watson, man labor	2 " 8 "	4 20
D. E. Simpson, man labor	1 " 2 "	1 80
team labor	6 "	1 20
O. Reissman, man labor	1 " 3½ "	2 03
boy's labor	1 " 3½ "	1 35
George A. Fox, man labor	2 " 6½ "	3 98
Forest Kelley, man labor,	1 " 7 "	2 55
Charles Colburn, man labor	5 "	75
John Quigley, man labor	1 " 2 "	1 80
Patrick Quigley, man labor	1 " 2½ "	1 88
Frank Hancock, man labor	3 " ½ "	4 58
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		\$278 29
Total amount paid Wm. H. Peabody on east side. ....		897 79
Paid by selectmen on east side to Daniel N.		
Atwood, for shoveling snow into the road.....		\$1 50
by selectmen to D. N. Atwood, for shoveling snow out of the road....		90
	-----	2 40
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		\$900 19
Amount appropriated for east side for 1898.....		750 00
Amount expended on east side above appropriation,		\$150 19



### TOWN HALL.

Paid G. S. Butler, for insuring Town Hall, from Feb. 6, 1899, to Feb. 6, 1900.....	\$15 00
Charles M. Kent, for opening hall 22 times.... ..	7 33
Charles M. Kent, for load sawdust on hall floor....	1 00
Charles M. Kent, for cleaning hall floors.....	1 00
Charles M. Kent, for cleaning tobacco from ceiling	25
for cleaning Town Hall, both stories, for Grange fair	5 00
Morning Mail Co , for printing posters for hall.....	87
Moses Raymond, for opening hall 20 times.....	9 65
Frank M. Woodbury, for oil for Town Hall.....	8 63
Orton Moor, for 16 feet pine wood for Town Hall	6 00
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	\$54 73
Received of Charles M. Kent, for use of hall	\$17 50
Moses Raymond, for use of hall	30 48
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	47 98
Expense of Town Hall more than income.....	\$6 75





**REPORT OF O. W. SPAULDING, ROAD COMMISSIONER, FOR 1898.**

WEST SIDE.

Paid O. W. Spaulding,	59	days.....	\$118 00
month men,	130	" .....	195 00
4 hours on machine,	3	" .....	15 00
2 hours and cart,	75½	" .....	151 00
Elmer Chaplin and team,	1	" .....	3 50
Stephen B. Donovan and team,	1	" .....	3 00
Robert Dean,	36	" .....	54 00
Albert Searles,	30¾	" .....	46 12
Albert F. Searles,	7¾	" .....	11 62
Wm. Deam,	3½	" .....	5 25
Bert Whitcher,	4	" .....	6 00
J. Whitehouse, for 67 loads of gravel, at .5.....			3 35
John H. Marsh, for 30 loads of gravel, at .5.....			1 50
Daniel Marshall Estate, 30 loads of gravel, at .5			1 50
for powder and fuse.....			50
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			\$615 34

BRIDGES ON WEST SIDE.

Paid J. N. Colman & Son, for bridge plank for bridge near Marshall Estate.....	16 00
C. L. Seavey, for 1650 feet 3-inch plank, for bridge near I. C. Marshall's.....	23 15
C. L. Seavey, for 254 feet oak plank, for bridge near Jeremiah Framer's.....	3 55
John H. Marsh, for bridge stringers.....	2 06
for spikes, for bridge.....	90
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	45 66

SNOW BILLS ON WEST SIDE BEFORE FEB. 16, 1899.

Paid O. W. Spaulding.....	\$91 68
Barnard McCann.....	25 69
Arthur Butler.....	4 00
Charles D. Kent.....	5 00
George Muldoon.....	2 00
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<i>\$129 37</i>

<i>Amount brought forward.....</i>	<b>\$129 37</b>
Paid Granville Smith.....	7 40
Willis E. Pearson.....	2 45
K. J. Chaplin.....	75
David A. Greeley.....	2 90
Frank Smart.....	60
Charles and Wm. Colman.....	1 95
Clarence and Albert Richardson.....	4 65
Willis E. Spaulding.....	5 25
Fred Burton.....	7 95
Charles De Chantal.....	8 40
M. L. Jones.....	11 35
John Johnson.....	3 58
George S. Butler.....	18 35
John H. Marsh.....	14 00
Stephen B. Donovan.....	5 00
O. W. Spaulding, for breaking roads between Feb. 15 and March 8, 1898.....	19 50
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	<b>\$242 45</b>
Total amount expended on west side.....	903 45
Amount appropriated.....	750 00
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Amount expended above appropriation.....	<b>\$153 45</b>

**SUMMARY.**

Paid town officers.....	<b>\$506 50</b>
Treasurer of cemetery trustees the amount in town treasury unexpended.....	127 08
Cemetery treasurer interest on trust funds.....	10 83
Memorial day.....	11 50
State tax.....	845 75
County tax.....	1100 45
Abatement of taxes, 1897 list.....	64 49
Abatement of taxes, 1898 list.....	69 80
School money.....	1856 94
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<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<b>\$4,593 34</b>

<i>Amount brought forward.....</i>	\$4,593 34
Paid Town hall.....	54 73
Library treasurer.....	100 00
Public library.....	109 96
Tramps.....	2 75
Town notes.....	985 90
Miscellaneous .....	167 68
Dependent soldiers.....	134 53
Road commissioners east side.....	900 19
Road commissioners west side.....	903 45
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	\$7,952 53

**FINANCIAL STAND OF THE TOWN, FEB. 15, 1899.****LIABILITIES.**

Due Central Savings Bank, note.....	3,100 00
C. W. Hobbs, note.....	300 00
C. L. Seavey, guardian of T. O. Richardson, note	250 00
Cemetery Trustees, notes.....	375 00
Schools, appropriation unexpended.....	470 00
Estimated outstanding bills.....	400 00
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	\$4,895 00

**ASSETS.**

By Cash in treasury.....	\$474 79
Cash due from collector, 1898 tax .....	292 36
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	\$767 15
By town's indebtedness, Feb. 15, 1899.....	4,127 85
town's indebtedness, Feb. 15, 1898.....	3,810 24
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Town debt, increased in 1898.....	\$317 61

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. SEAVEY,  
 HENRY M. CURRIER,  
 FOREST E. KELLEY,

*Selectmen of Pelham.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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The treasurer respectfully submits the following report for the year ending Feb. 15, 1899:

DR.	
To cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1898. . . . .	\$716 92
Received of cemetery trustees, John Car fund. . . . .	50 00
Daniel Gage fund. . . . .	25 00
Gorrell fund. . . . .	50 00
C. L. Seavey fund. . . . .	100 00
C. M. Kent, use of Town Hall to Aug. 1, '98	17 50
Moses Raymond, use of Town Hall. . . . .	31 48
D. P. Atwood, dog licenses for 1898. . . . .	190 00
County commissioners, for the relief of paupers and dependent soldiers. . . . .	134 53
State treasurer, railroad tax. . . . .	141 22
State treasurer, savings bank tax. . . . .	269 51
State treasurer, literary fund. . . . .	88 20
Selectmen, temporary loan. . . . .	250 00
George S. Butler, 1897 tax. . . . .	797 95
George H. Currier, 1898 tax. . . . .	5,565 01
 Total . . . . .	 \$8,427 32

CR.	
Cash paid on sundry orders issued by selectmen. . . . .	\$7,952 53
Leaving amount of cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1899, including \$190 dog fund and \$88.20 literary fund. . . . .	\$474 79

ENOCH M. MARSH,

*Town Treasurer.*

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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We, the undersigned Auditors of the Town of Pelham for the year ending Feb. 15, 1899, find that the selectmen have issued orders on the treasurer to the amount of \$7952.53 and that said orders are properly receipted. We also find that the treasurer has received \$8427.32 and has also paid orders above mentioned leaving a balance in the treasury of \$474.79.

W. G. BUTLER,  
DANIEL M. WEBSTER,  
CHARLES W. HOBBS,

*Auditors.*

# VITAL STATISTICS.

In compliance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, I respectfully submit the following:

## Marriages Registered in the Town of Pelham for the Year ending December 31, 1898.

Date of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in Years.	Color.	Occupation of each.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents of each.	Birthplace of Parents.	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person in whom married	Date of Marriage.
Aug. 2	Pelham.....	Jerry Smith.....	Pelham .....	17	Farmer....	Franklin ....			AUG. Berry, Clergyman, Pelham.	1st.
		Grace J. Simpson.	Pelham.....	24	Housek'pr	Boston, Mass.				1st.
Nov. 23	Pelham.....	William A. Moore.....	Dublin .....	37	Mechanic..	Jaffrey .....	Abram Moore .....	Temster .....	AUG. Berry, Clergyman, * Pelham.	1st.
		Mary E. Richardson.....	Pelham .....	37	Teacher .....	Pelham .....	Julia M. Holmes .....	Gratton, Mass.....		1st.
Dec. 14	Pelham.....	Fred. A. Bassett	Dracut, Mass	25	Carpenter.	Lowell, Mass.	Beul F. Kiehards'n .....	Pelham.....		1st.
		Mary E. Atwood .....	Pelham .....	21	All White.	Housek'pr,Pelham.....	Anzeline Smith .....	Hudson.....		1st.
Dec 28	Windham...	Ernest Richardson.	Pelham .....	24	Louisa Jones .....	Pelham .....	Martin L. Bassett .....	Orington, Me.....	Auz. Berry, Clergyman, Pelham.	1st.
		Erthe W. Lary.	Pelham .....	20	Farmer .....	Windham.....	Emma A. Whitney .....	Moose River, Me.	Jona M. Atwood .....	1st.
							Jona M. Atwood .....	Pelham.....	Louisa Jones .....	1st.
								Pelham.....	Joseph Richard's'n Windham.....	Geo. H. Clark, Justice, Windham.
									Lizzie J .....	1st.
									George Lary .....	Windham .....
									Ellen E. Jennings.	1st.

**Births Registered in the Town of Pelham, for the Year ending December 31, 1898.**

Name of Child.	Date of Birth.	Sex.	Color of Birthmark.	Color of Birthmark.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Name of Father.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Residence of Parents.					Color of Parents.				
Clough.....	Jan. 24	L	F	4	John W. Clough.....	Sarah E. Davis.....	Pelham	Farmer.....	England.....
Doherty.....	Feb. 5	M	3	John H. Doherty.....	Mary Green.....	"	"	Farmer.....	Ireland.....
John Thomas Quigley.....	Feb. 18	C	M	5	John Quigley.....	Bethia L. Atwood.....	"	Farmer.....	Ireland.....
Paul Elsworth Greeley.....	April 1	C	M	2	Fred. A. Greeley.....	John B. Kiaredge.....	"	Pelham	Pelham.....
Peter Greenwood.....	May 4	M	M	6	Peter Greenwood.....	John B. Kiaredge.....	44	Farmer	Pelham.....
Gage A. Fox.....	"	M	M	3	Gage A. Fox.....	Wm. H. Henderson.....	"	Stone Cutter	Lowell, Mass.....
George Henderson.....	May 12	M	M	1	George Henderson.....	Ella W. Hilliburton.....	"	Stone Cutter	Haverhill, Mass.....
Bernard G. Trox.....	"	M	M	1	Bernard G. Trox.....	Burt G. Webster.....	"	Farmer.....	Nova Scotia.....
Benn Howell Webster.....	June 17	C	M	1	Benn Howell Webster.....	Orlando Wilson.....	"	Farmer.....	Brushton, N.Y.....
Marion Keyes Wilson.....	June 27	C	M	2	Marion Keyes Wilson.....	Sarah K. Blumner.....	"	Farmer.....	Lawrence, Mass.....
Raymond.....	June 28	C	M	2	Raymond.....	Julia R. Larry.....	"	Pelham	Pelham.....
Hazel Lois Richardson.....	June 29	C	M	9	Hazel Lois Richardson.....	Flora A. Sweat.....	"	Labourer	Lowell, Mass.....
Andrew K. Tallant.....	Aug. 5	F	M	12	Andrew K. Tallant.....	Aristie L. Robey.....	"	Farmer.....	Lawrence, Mass.....
Lillian Irene Keyes.....	Aug. 16	C	F	4	Lillian Irene Keyes.....	Winthrop B. Keyes.....	"	Farmer	Medfield, Mass.....
Carrie Annie Whitman.....	Aug. 26	C	F	2	Carrie Annie Whitman.....	James M. Whitman.....	"	Carpenter	Nova Scotia.....
Edward Hamilton Scott.....	Sep. 10	C	F	2	Edward Hamilton Scott.....	Charles E. Scott.....	"	Farmer.....	Nova Scotia.....
Harold A. Harris.....	Sep. 27	C	M	4	Harold A. Harris.....	Almina B. Currier.....	"	Farmer	Pelham.....
Evelyn Whinfield Kent (Everett Warren Kent).....	Oct. 26	M	F	3&4	Evelyn Whinfield Kent (Everett Warren Kent).....	Harry A. Harris.....	"	Farmer	Windham.....
	Nov. 1	C	M	4		Lillie B. Russ.....	"	Farmer	Methuen, Mass.....
				44		Carrie Brown.....	"	Farmer	Boston, Mass.....

## Deaths Registered in the Town of Pelham for the Year ending December 31, 1898.

Name of Deceased	Date of Death.	Age. Ex- Co. Mo. Days Sick Years Married Widowed.	Place of Birth.	Birthplace-of Father.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Disease or Cause of Death.
Emma L. Kent	Feb. 21 F	Mar. 33 9 29	Housekeep'r	Canada .....	Vermont .....	Dan'l Batchelder	Fibroid Phthisis
Rebecca H. Batch'd'r	Mar. 9 F	Wid. 31 5 2	Housekeep'r	Pelham .....	Pelham .....	William Atwood	Old Age .....
Bernard G. Fox	May 18 M	S 7	Pelham .....	Haverhill, Mass.	Pelham .....	Betsey Cutler	Kittied, Old Age .....
Nancy B. Gould	June 18 F	S 68 5 20	Housekeep'r	Dracut, Mass.	Pelham .....	Gage A. Fox	Septicaemia .....
Annie M. Seavey	June 24 F	S 38 9 12	Housekeep'r	Ireland .....	Pelham .....	Joseph Gould	Septicaemia .....
Granville B. Carrier	June 28 F	Wid. 57 1 12	Farmer .....	New Brunswick	Pelham .....	William Stewart Eliza A. Campbell	Phthisis .....
Cynthia S. Lyon	July 1 F	S 69 4 17	Housekeep'r	Pelham .....	Pelham .....	Nathan Currier	Almira Butler
Alvin F. Carlton	Aug. 14 M	Mar. 13 9 19	Farmer .....	Pelham .....	Pelham .....	William R. Lyon	Bilatit of hrt.
Car'le Anna Whitem'n	Dec. 17 F	S 7 3 6	Pelham .....	Pelham .....	Pelham .....	Mary R. Lyon	Consumption .....
			Nova Scotia .....	Nova Scotia .....	Nova Scotia .....	Asa Carlton	Patience Barker
						Jas. M. Whitem'n	Chron. Cystitis
							Gastro Enteritis

## The Following Persons were Brought to this Town for Burial During the Year.

							Place of Death.
Philena Chase	Feb. 19 F	Wid. 79 5 12	Housekeep'r	Pelham .....	Salem .....	Lowell, Mass.	Accident .....
Clay Beardman	Apr. 23 M	Mar. 29 8	Farmer .....	Salem .....	Salem .....	Salem .....	Measles .....
Katharine Holmes	May 28 F	Wid. 82 7 10	Housekeep'r .....	Pelham .....	Hudson .....	Hudson .....	Measles .....
Augustus Colburn	June 4 M	S 77 7	Farmer .....	Pelham .....	Draicut, Mass.	Draicut, Mass.	Senility .....
Sarah Kent	Aug. 1 F	Mar. 38 ..	Housekeep'r .....	Pelham .....	Lowell, Mass.	Lowell, Mass.	Paralysis .....
David W. Kent	Nov. 19 M	S 44 ..	Farmer .....	Pelham .....	Auburn, Cal.	Auburn, Cal.	Tuberculosis .....

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DANIEL P. ATWOOD, Town Clerk

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES.

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The Trustees of the Cemeteries have invested the trust funds that have been placed in their hands, by loaning them to the town and taking notes for the same at 4 per cent. interest, in accordance with the vote of the town.

The Gorrell fund was \$100, and the Mrs. Daniel T. Gage \$50. These funds were placed in the Nashua Savings Bank some years ago. The bank has since suspended payment but on July 14, 1898, paid 50 per cent. of the principal.

The funds now stand as follows:

Gorrell fund.....	\$50 00
Gage fund.....	25 00
Sarah Barker fund.....	100 00
Mrs. Skinner fund.....	50 00
Mary J. Jackson fund for care of John Carr lot.....	50 00
Chas. L. Seavey fund.....	100 00
Amounting to.....	\$375 00

The interest on all these notes has been paid to Feb. 15, 1899, amounting to \$10.83.

ENOCH M. MARSH,      CHAS. W. HOBBS,  
DANIEL M. WEBSTER,    GEO. H. CURRIER,  
FREDERICK A. CUTTER,   GEO. S. BUTLER.

*Trustees.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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The treasurer of the trustees of the cemeteries respectfully submits the following report for the year ending Feb. 12, 1899.

### DR.

To cash received of Chas. M. Kent for lot in Centre Cemetery.....	\$1 00
Selectmen bal. due trustees.....	127 08
Wm. Sherburne of Boston for 1 lot in Gibson addition to Centre Cemetery.....	20 00
James M. Whitman for lot in Centre Cemetery.....	2 00
Mrs. Jeremiah Farmer for lot in Gibson addition to Centre Cemetery.....	2 00
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	\$152 08

### CR.

By cash paid Daniel M. Webster for labor in cemetery.....	3 50
50 stone posts.....	1 50
44 rock maple trees.....	5 00
hay for mulching trees.....	4 50
labor grading around hearse house.	2 00
Frederick A. Cutter 25 rock maple trees .....	10 00
2 days labor.....	3 00
Geo. K. Webster for labor moving hearse house.....	15 00
Geo. S. Butler for teaming stakes from Colman's mill to cemetery	1 00
4 days labor in cemetery.....	6 00
cash paid for record book.....	1 00
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Leaving amount of cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1899.....	\$99 58

**TRUST FUNDS.**

I also have in my hands the following amounts belonging to the different funds :

The Gorrell fund.....	\$ 63
Jackson fund.....	1 25
Skinner fund.....	2 00
Seavey fund.....	1 83

There is due the trustees for money expended

On the Sarah Barker lot.....	\$1 00
For the Mrs. D. T. Gage lot.....	5 42

**GEO. H. CURRIER,**

*Treasurer of Trustees.*

R E P O R T

OF

THE SCHOOL BOARD

OF THE

TOWN OF PELHAM, N. H.,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1899.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS.

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### SCHOOL BOARD.

GEO. S. BUTLER . . . . .	Term expires March, 1889.
GAGE A. FOX . . . . .	Term expires March, 1900.
AUGUSTUS BERRY . . . . .	Term expires March, 1901.

### CLERK.

DANIEL P. ATWOOD.

### TREASURER.

GEO. S. BUTLER.

### AUDITORS.

GEO. H. CURRIER.	CHARLES W. HOBBS.
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### MODERATOR.

CHARLES W. HOBBS.

### TEACHERS.

- No. 1. MARY EDNA BUSWELL. Year.
- No. 2. ANNIE PERLEY DAY. Year.
- No. 3. ETHEL MAE CHASE. Year.
- No. 4. E. FRANCES WOODMAN. Year.
- No. 5. JULIA A. BIXBY. Year.

## THE SCHOOL REPORT.

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This should mean much more than the statistics of weeks of school, number of scholars, studies pursued, wages paid and money expended. While this is essential, it is subsidiary to other considerations. The question, "What is the purpose of our schools?" has not yet been answered. They sustain a very important relation to the individual and society; but just what this relation is, neither the individual or society have definitely settled. As far as the schools are a necessity to the matter of what is termed getting a living, it is something quite insignificant; men without the privilege of the school, have become very thrifty and made themselves very prominent; men without the opportunity of the schools would learn to plan and execute. They would learn to reckon and to keep memorandums. They would have some system of accounts and something that would be to them in the place of writing. Character is the particular matter that school has to do with. While the school is helpful in broadening life and giving it flexibility and diversity, its highest function is to determine character. What the state needs, what the individual needs is character.

While the school primarily deals with what is usually termed the qualifications for getting a living, this is not its legitimate mission, which is to so touch character as to enlarge, strengthen and purify, and thus ennable the individual and social life.

## THE PAST YEAR.

This has been one of large success in the schools. It is rare that the school work as a whole has been so good and brought so much to the welfare of the young, the ennobling of their real life, and the honor of the town. In the true education of the young, conduct is the first thing to be considered. The welfare of the state is determined by the conduct of the pupils of the schools. The foundations of a republic are the truth, integrity and righteous principles of the youth in its schools.

The government of our towns, state and nation, will be as that of the schools. Public conduct, private conduct and all conduct will be what that of the schools is. Is there rudeness in the schools, there will be rudeness in society. Is there trickery in the schools, there will be the same thing in the business of the community. Do scholars cheat in their lessons and in the other exercises of the schools, then they will cheat when the responsibilities of public welfare are upon them. Is there a deviation from strict integrity in the relations of school life, then there will be the same thing in future social life. If individual members of school practice deceit and fraud in school affairs, they are in training to do the same things in the larger and higher interests of life. The member of school who would never justify any school fraud, never will screen a culprit in school or justify a school crime, will never defraud his employer, or have anything to do with that which is termed boodle in politics. Boys that trifle with school honor, school rights, the pure and sacred things of school, are prepared to trifle with all the sacred, responsible and holy conditions of life. Hence the one and essential purpose

of the school is the formation of high character in the young. The question is not so much the keenness of mental as moral perception. The school deficient in order must suffer a mental loss, but this is insignificant compared with the moral loss. Hence school government is a matter of the first importance ; in this is involved truth, industry, fidelity, every grace of character and virtue of life.

### WHAT IS EDUCATION ?

This question admits of a great variety of answers. There are many and diverse conceptions of what it is to be educated. Some would place it in the training of the powers of the mind ; others, in the amount of knowledge stored in the mind ; but as a condition to the process, there must be aroused in the individual a desire to know, and when that desire is fully aroused, when it has taken full possession of him then we may say the individual is far advanced in what may be termed the process of education, if not in education itself. The awakening or even the creation of this desire is the first thing to be done in the work of education. We may term it a process and then we will say that it must be methodical. Method must be a characteristic of the work of the schools. There is a natural way in which subjects must be presented to the child's mind, varying with the various characteristics of different children, which the teachers must be quick to discern. There are many and valuable helps to education in this day, but none of these can take the place of the wise and judicious teacher.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CONTINUOUS TEACHER.

This is important in all stages of education, but especially in the elementary ; a change of teachers is a loss and damage in a variety of ways ; a true teacher will have some plan in regard to each pupil, which is formed by a study of the pupil's capabilities, peculiarities, needs and possibilities ; a plan that came not merely from a week's teaching and acquaintance, nor even a month's, but a term or terms work with him ; another teacher, even if more able, has got to spend an equal amount of time to be prepared to enter into the work of her predecessor. A teacher can not be taken from the schoolroom and another put in her place and have the work go on the same. This may be done in the case of a man sawing wood in the school yard. But there is a radical difference in the two kinds of work ; and hence if a teacher is doing fair work it is much better to retain such a teacher than to change, especially when the chances are so many that as good a one will not be obtained.

There is nothing in the world that is not susceptible of criticism ; nor is there anything more difficult than just criticism ; nor are there any positions more liable to unjust criticism than the teachers. There is something in the most symetrical character that is not to the liking of every one ; what suits one does not suit others ; hence if there be in the teacher a general purpose of right, teaching that is correct, discipline of some force, and a general consistency and fairness, then a change is not wise.

## THOROUGHNESS.

Our schools have been greatly deficient in this.

There has been a hastening over the pages of the text book without comprehending. There is a tendency to send children to school too young ; but when they go to school it must be to work ; children should understand that school hours must be filled with work, real work ; they should not be sent to school until they are mature enough for this, then they should form the habit of study and self control ; one of the first processes in education is self control. It is the essential thing in the formation of right character. And a sad defect in our schools is lack of a habit of study ; a sad thing that so many boys and girls leave our schools with no habits of study. This is not merely the most important matter in connection with education but the one essential thing ; having formed the habit of study the young person is prepared to address himself to the solution of any of the problems of life ; he is prepared to pursue his education by himself in any direction he may desire. These are things that parents should fully understand and they should expect that their children are to fill the hours of the school session with work.

#### CONSTANCY AND PUNCTUALITY.

Irregularity in attendance is bad for the teacher, the pupil and the school. The value of a school is increased many per cent. by classification. Irregularity in attendance destroys this. The interest that has been awakened in the pupil's mind by the hard, studious labor of the teacher, is dissipated by irregularity. In some homes the circumstances are such that the assistance of the children is needed a day or portion of a day ; while this is unfortunate, the matter might be helped much by a conference with the teacher and an effort

made to adjust the necessities of the home with the arrangements of school. But this should never be done except in meeting some absolute necessity of the home. Nothing but such a necessity or actual sickness should ever take a child from his class in school. To do it for any other reason amounts to an actual crime.

### THE MAKING UP OF LESSONS.

For the sake of the school as well as the pupil's, this should be insisted upon. The pupil cannot do good work, the school is fearfully disarranged unless this is done. The question whether a child may be allowed to be absent from school a day or part of a day should be determined by whether he can make up his lessons.

### THINGS ON WHICH THE WELFARE OF SCHOOL TURNS.

There are many small things of this nature — they will vary with different teachers — things that parents should always favor. Children should not be dismissed unless for good reasons, and the request for the dismissal of the child should be by a note to the teacher containing the reasons. This will be a help to the teacher and a restraint to the scholar.

### THE BACKWARD SCHOLAR.

Neither parents or teacher should despair of him. Some children backward in study are forward in other things. Some minds mature earlier than others. Some dull at six or seven, at ten or eleven exhibit scholarly

ability. I have some such in mind that greatly interest me. Such need judicious management, there should be no irregularity in their attendance. Plans -matured for them at great pains have been completely frustrated by their irregular attendance. Nor are such cases to be helped by permitting them in classes beyond them. They can be helped only by carefully advancing them from the simplest things to those more difficult and making sure that they comprehend ; there is no encouragement to a dull scholar in being where he cannot understand. The greatest incentive to a dull scholar is the delight found in a clear idea ; one clear idea is a great inspiration to a child. The luxury of knowing is the greatest a child can have.

#### FACILITIES FOR EDUCATION.

These are imperfect especially in rural towns, but notwithstanding the imperfections they are great, far in advance of former years. The problem of the schools in these towns is difficult, but it will find its solution in the consolidation and gradation of the schools, in conjunction with state aid. The parent and scholar must help themselves. The opportunities that the least favored have today, would have been considered fine half a century ago. We improve and value our opportunities as we toil and labor for them. And the school will be valued and improved, according to what the parent does to have his children there, according to the personal effort he makes in their behalf. And while there is much more that should be done for the school by the state, we must ever keep in mind that it will be a damage to do so much that the parent will have nothing to do.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

Perfect attendance for the year:

BESSIE F. HYDE.	EARNEST MARTIN JONES.
CLARA CORRINE CUTTER.	GRACE MABEL HALL.
BLANCHE HARRIET HILLMAN.	RICHARD HILLMAN CURRIER.

Perfect attendance for two terms:

BERYL G. HYDE.	OLIVE FRANCES KELLEY.
CHARLES B. STICKNEY.	ALICE A. CARLTON.
CARRIE L. BANISTER.	ARTHUR H. PEABODY.
LENA AGNES CLOYD.	eva M. RICHARDSON.
VIRGINIA FRANCES CUTTER.	JOHN WOODBURY PEABODY.
MARY SEMPLE HILLMAN.	FORREST RICHARDSON.
RUSSELL DAVID BUTLER.	

Perfect attendance for one term:

CARRIE F. HOBBS.	CLARA EVELYN JONES.
CHARLES WINTHROP HOBBS.	LOTTIE ADDIE JOHNSON.
SAMUEL HOBBS.	ALICE PAULINE MARSH.
MILAN C. STICKNEY.	MABEL FRANCES SMART.
JENNIE R. STICKNEY.	ROY JONES.
CARL RICHARD HILLMAN.	JOHN THOMAS BANISTER.
HENRY FREDERICK HILLMAN.	CHARLES A. JOHNSON.
HATTIE I. HASKELL.	GEORGE H. SEAVEY.
MILDRED HALE.	ESTELLA A. WYMAN.
ELIZA TREACIA WYMAN.	HERBER NEEVEL RANLET.
SAMUEL ORWELL TALLENT.	ALICE M. KELLEY.
WILLIE REISSMAN.	ALFRED REISSMAN.

## STATISTICS.

The school year was 33 weeks divided into three equal terms. School No. 4 was abbreviated one week on the winter term because of the obstruction of the roads.

The teachers were as follows:

- SCHOOL No. 1—Miss Mary Edna Buswell.
- SCHOOL No. 2.—Miss Annie Perley Day.
- SCHOOL No. 3.—Miss Ethel Mae Chase.
- SCHOOL No. 4.—Miss E. F. Woodman.
- SCHOOL No. 5.—Miss Julia A. Bixby.

## ATTENDANCE AND STUDIES.

SCHOOL No. 1.—First term, 30 scholars; second 25; third 27; for the year, 35—14 boys and 21 girls. Average attendance 22.

All attended to reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic, drawing and vocal music, 19 to geography and grammer, 3 to history.

SCHOOL No. 2.—First term 26 scholars; second 28; third 24; for the year 30—14 boys and 16 girls. Average attendance 24.

All attended to reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic, geography, vocal music and drawing; 20 to grammar and composition, 7 to algebra and bookkeeping, 6 to physiology.

SCHOOL No. 3.—First term 25 scholars; second 24; third 15: for the year 29—13 boys and 16 girls. Average attendance 19.

All attended to reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic, vocal music and drawing, 16 to grammar, 3 to history, 2 to physiology and 1 to algebra.

SCHOOL No. 4.—First term ; 19 scholars; second 21; third 17; for the year 23—11 boys and 12 girls. Average attendance 12.

All attended to reading, spelling, penmanship, vocal music and drawing; 6 to geography, grammer and history ; 1 to bookkeeping.

SCHOOL No. 5.—First term 16 scholars; second 13; third 14; for the year 16—12 boys and 4 girls. Average attendance 12.

All attended to reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic, composition, drawing and grammar ; 7 to history and 12 to geography.

The amount expended for teachers and miscellaneous expenses \$1,642.27. The amount for school supplies \$70.06. Number of scholars attending school during the year 132—63 boys and 69 girls. Expense per scholar for teaching and miscellaneous expenses \$12.42 ; for school supplies per scholar 62 cents.

AUGUSTUS BERRY,

*In Behalf of the Board of Education.*

# EXPENSES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

*As rendered by Chairman of the same March 1, 1899.*

## No. 1 SCHOOL.

Paid Mary Edna Buswell, spring term, 11 weeks at \$8...	\$88 00
Mary Edna Buswell, fall term, 11 weeks at 8...	88 00
Mary Edna Buswell, winter term, 11 weeks at 8...	88 00
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	\$264 00

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Geo. S. Butler, for 3 cords white oak wood, sawed, split and put in shed.....	\$16 50
Geo. S. Butler, for 2 cords and 5 ft. pine wood, sawed, split and put in shed.....	9 94
Mrs. Bannister, for cleaning house.....	1 00
Augustus Berry, for cleaning clock.....	1 00
Building fires for the year.....	6 80
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	\$35 24
Total expense No. 1 School.....	\$299 24

## No. 2 SCHOOL.

Paid Annie Perley Day, spring term, 11 weeks at \$9...	\$99 00
Annie Perley Day, fall term, 11 weeks	9....
Annie Perley Day, winter term, 11 weeks at 9....	99 00
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	\$297 00

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Geo. S. Butler, for 2 cords pine wood, cut and put in shed.....	\$7 75
Geo. S. Butler, for 3 cords hard wood, cut and put in shed.....	16 50
for cleaning house.....	1 00
Geo. S. Butler, for taking off and putting on double windows, spring and fall.....	1 00
Building fires for the year.....	6 75
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Total expense No. 2 School.....	\$33 00

**No. 3 SCHOOL.**

Paid Ethel Mae Chase, spring term, 11 weeks at \$8....	\$88 00
Ethel Mae Chase, fall term, 11 weeks, at     8....	88 00
Ethel Mae Chase, winter term, 11 weeks at   8....	88 00
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	\$264 00

**MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.**

Paid Augustus Berry, for water pail and 2 brooms	\$ 75
Geo. S. Butler, for $2\frac{1}{2}$ cords pine wood, cut and put in shed.....	9 50
Geo. S. Butler, for 3 cords hard wood, cut and put in shed.....	16 50
Mrs. Bannister, for cleaning house in spring	1 00
Mrs. Burtt, for cleaning house in fall.....	1 25
for cleaning and blacking stove	25
Building fires for the year.....	7 20
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	\$36 45
Total expense No. 3 School.....	\$300 45

**No. 4 SCHOOL.**

Paid E. Frances Woodman, spring term, 11 weeks at \$8..	\$88 00
E. Frances Woodman, fall term, 11 weeks at   8..	88 00
E. Erances Woodman, winter term, 10 weeks at 8..	80 00
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	256 00

**MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.**

Paid Gage A. Fox, for 20 ft. hard wood, and cutting same.....	\$11 25
Gage A. Fox, for 8 ft. pine wood, and cutting same.....	4 25
for washing school house.....	1 50
Building fires for the year .....	6 45
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	\$23 45
Total expense No. 4 School.....	279 45

**No. 5 SCHOOL.**

Paid Julia A. Bixby, spring term, 11 weeks at \$8.....	\$88 00
Julia A. Bixby, fall term, 11 weeks at 8.....	88 00
Julia A. Bixby, winter term, 11 weeks at 8.....	88 00
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	\$264 00

**MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.**

Paid Augustus Berry for 2 brooms.....	\$ 50
Mrs. Burtt for cleaning house.....	1 00
Mrs. Bannister for washing windows.....	50
Augustus Berry for 1 broom.....	25
Geo. S. Butler for 2 cords hard wood sawed and put in shed.....	11 00
Geo. S. Butler for 1 cord pine wood sawed and put in shed.....	3 50
Building fires for the year.....	7 60
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	24 35
Total expense No. 5 School.....	288 35

**No. 6 SCHOOL.**

Expense carrying school children to School No. 2.

Paid John F. Johnston for carrying school chil- dren to School No. 2.....	\$100 00
Total expense No. 6 School.....	\$100 00

**REPAIRS ON SCHOOL HOUSES.**

Paid Augustus Berry for repairs on No.1.....	\$ 43
Geo. S. Butler for glass and setting same at No. 2.	25
Charles Davis for mason work at No. 3.....	5 00
J. N. Colman and Son for lumber and dress- ing "same for No. 3".....	1 00
Frank Stickney for labor at No. 3.....	2 00
Geo. S. Butler for furnishing and teaming lumber to No. 3.....	1 25
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Amount carried forward.....	\$9 93

<i>Amount brought forward.....</i>	\$9 93
C. B. Coburn for glass and putty for No. 3.....	1 00
Warren Herbert for repairs at No. 3.....	2 00
Augustus Berry for 1 damper for stove at No. 3...	20
Gage A. Fox for new iron roofing for piazza and laying same at No. 4.....	11 00
Augustus Berry for repairs at No. 5.....	90
John McCann for mason work at No. 5.....	8 00
Warren Herbert for repairs at No. 5.....	1 00
 Total expenses for repairs on School Houses.....	 \$34 03

**Repairs on Out-buildings in School No. 2 Caused by Malicious Party or Parties who Upset and Partially Destroyed Them on the Night of April 30th or May 1st, 1898.**

Paid for lumber, shingles and hardware.....	\$3 00
for carpenter and stone work.....	4 00
M. L. Jones, labor putting back out-buildings.....	50
Charles Colman, labor putting back out-buildings..	1 00
James A. Mansfield, labor putting back out-buildings	1 00
Geo. S. Butler, for notices printed, offering rewards for apprehension of parties doing damage to buildings at School No. 2.....	1 25
 Total expense.....	 \$10 75

**BOOK ACCOUNT.**

Paid J. L. Hammett, for stationery and supplies.....	\$12 86
F. M. Woodbury for ink and mucilage .....	2 68
T. H. Lawler for stationery .....	8 10
American Book Co. for geographies and supplies..	9 24
Heath & Co. for outline maps.....	1 51
Werner Co. for readers.....	2 07
Silver, Burdette & Co. for readers.....	5 10
Ginn & Co. United States histories .....	1 67
Thompson, Brown & Co. for arithmetics.....	2 87
for sundry books and maps.....	1 10
Babb & Co. for school supplies.....	25 79
 Total "Book Account".....	 \$72 99

**RECAPITULATION.**

Paid teachers, No. 1.....	\$264 00
miscellaneous expenses.....	35 24
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	\$299 24
Paid teachers, No. 2.....	\$297 00
miscellaneous expenses.....	33 00
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	\$330 00
Paid teachers, No. 3.....	\$264 00
miscellaneous expenses.....	36 45
	_____
	\$300 45
Paid teachers No. 4.....	\$256 00
miscellaneous expenses.....	23 44
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	\$279 45
Paid teachers, No. 5.....	\$264 00
miscellaneous expenses.....	24 35
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	\$288 35
Paid No. 6, carrying children to No. 2.....	\$100 00
book and supply accounts for all schools.....	72 99
repairs on school houses.....	34 03
repairs and expense on out-buildings at No. 2 .....	10 75
Total expended for the year ending March 1, 1899....	\$1,715 26

GEORGE S. BUTLER,

*For School Board.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

*Of the Town School District for the Year ending March 1, 1899.*

The Treasurer charges himself as follows;

Dr.	
To cash in treasury March 1, 1898.....	\$78 07
received of selectmen, balance of town and town district appropriations 1897.....	588 65
received of selectmen part of town and town district appropriations 1898.....	925 00
received of selectmen literary fund 1897.....	84 94
received of selectmen dog fund 1897.....	158 35
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	\$1835 01

Cr.

By sundry orders drawn by chairman of school board amounting to.....	\$1642 27
Leaving a balance in the treasury March 1, 1899.....	\$192 74
There is now due from the town treasury, by an order from the selectmen, a part of the town appropri- ation of 1898 amounting to.....	470 00

### BOOK ACCOUNT.

Dr.	
To cash in treasury, March 1, 1898.....	\$48 86
received from selectmen, town district appropri- ation, 1898.....	100 00
received from Augustus Berry, proceeds from the sale of school supplies.....	2 93
Total received.....	<hr/> \$151 79

Cr.

By sundry orders drawn by chairman of school board...	72 99
Leaving a balance in the treasury, March 1, 1899.....	\$78 80

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE S. BUTLER,

*Treasurer Town School District.*

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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We, the undersigned, Auditors of the School Board of the Town of Pelham for the year ending March 1, 1899, find the Chairman of the School Board has issued orders to the amount of \$1,642.27, and we find the Treasurer of the School Board has received \$1,835.01, has paid orders mentioned leaving a balance in the treasury of \$192.74.

Treasurer has received on Book Account \$151.79 and has paid orders amounting to \$72.99 leaving a balance in the treasury of \$78.80.

GEORGE H. CURRIER,  
CHARLES W. HOBBS,

*Auditors.*

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

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*To the Inhabitants of the School District of the Town of Pelham qualified to vote in District Affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said district, on the Twenty-first day of March, 1899, at Two O'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects :

- 1 To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
- 2 To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
- 3 To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- 4 To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
- 5 To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
- 6 To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subjects embraced in this Warrant.
- 7 To see how much money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of schools in addition to that required by law.
- 8 To see how much money the District will vote to raise for text books and School Supplies for the ensuing year.
- 9 To see how much money the District will vote to raise for the repair of School Houses for the ensuing year.

Given under our hands at said Pelham this Third day of March, 1899.

GEORGE S. BUTLER,  
GAGE A. FOX,  
AUGUSTUS BERRY,  
*School Board.*

A true copy of Warrant,—Attest:

GEORGE S. BUTLER,  
GAGE A. FOX,  
AUGUSTUS BERRY,  
*School Board.*

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
PELHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT.

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The time has arrived when it again becomes necessary for the library trustees to make their annual report.

The history of the library for the past year, although quiet and uneventful, has yet, we take pleasure in saying, been a history of steady progress. The growth of the library, though slow, is still a growth, and, considering the limited amount of the appropriation available for the purchase of books, it has been, on the whole, satisfactory.

There have been 179 new books added to the library during the past year, as appears in the librarian's report, an increase over last year of 69 books, and we very much regret that the yearly additions may not be more, but unfortunately, in the purchase of books, we have to limit ourselves to our means.

One of the most difficult things we have to contend with is the choice of books in making our purchases, and we are sorry to say that the people fail to show much inclination to aid us in our selections. As we are only the agents of the people in this matter, acting for them, it seems to us no more than right that they

should offer suggestions, and surely every individual must have some preference in regard to the books they wish to read. Once more we take the liberty to remind the towns people that any lists of books which they may see fit to hand in, either to the librarian or the trustees will be gratefully and thankfully received. As it is, as books are really companions, we try to govern ourselves in our choice of books by Cato's advice and only "keep company with the good."

The balance in the hands of the treasurer this year, according to his report, is small, and we hope the town will make a generous appropriation for the use of the library that the usual addition of books for the ensuing year may not be diminished.

Through the generosity of the friends of the library and publishers the reading room has been fairly well supplied with magazines and periodicals and two more magazines, viz: The North American Review and Munsey's, are to be subscribed for immediately and added to those already on the tables.

Once more we avail ourselves of the opportunity to extend our thanks to those who have made donations of books to the library and also to the librarian for her unselfish and efficient services for the past year.

Predicting and foreseeing only continued and increasing development and success for the library this report is respectfully submitted.

SHERMAN HOBBS,  
FRANK M. WOODBURY,  
GEO. S. BUTLER,

*Trustees of Free Public Library.*

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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*Trustees of the Pelham Free Public Library:*

The following report is respectfully submitted:

The library now contains 1543 volumes. 197 have been added during the past year, of these 36 were gifts, and 13 volumes of Regimental Histories were received from the town clerk.

Circulation of books 2656, an increase of 155 over last year's report.

Largest number taken out in one month, April, 1898.....	281
Largest number in one day, April 2.....	60
Average number in a month.....	221+
Amount received in fines.....	\$3 78

16 Cards have been issued since March 1, 1898.

During the past year the reading room has been well supplied with magazines and other reading matter by friends and townspeople. Among those contributed are the Youths' Companion, McClures, the Munsey and the Puritan. The Woman's Home Companion and The Land of Sunshine, a California magazine, have been regularly received from the publishers.

MARY E. HOBBS,

*Librarian.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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The Treasurer respectfully submits the following report for the year ending March 1, 1899.

### DR.

March 1, 1898, amount of cash in treasury.....	\$100 47
Feb. 15, 1899, received town appropriation.....	100 00
Feb. 25, 1899, received cash from librarian fines.....	3 78
Total receipts.....	\$204 25

### CR.

Cash paid DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., for books	\$129 05
Librarian's salary.....	30 00
Morning Mail Co., supplements....	7 24
Courier Publishing Co., printing slips, &c.....	1 17
Sherman Hobbs, expen's to Boston	2 00
Express, paper, ink, mucilage, &c.	2 54
Total expenditures.....	\$172 00
Leaving amount of cash in treasury March 1, 1899.....	\$32 25

FRANK M. WOODBURY,  
*Treasurer Library Trustees.*





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